



Opening the Reader Mail

Feedback By Denny Atkin

What I'd Like to See in the Palm OS

No bells and whistles here, just eliminating some basic limitations; I can't understand how they can still persist after so long:

Exterminate the 4K barrier for Notepad and the other built-in application notes. Same for the 8,000 bytes on e-mails, and include e-mail attachments.

It would be great to see some PalmOS devices with much larger RAM.

--Alberto Americano

Much larger RAM will come with the release of Palm OS 5.0 and the ARM processor, hopefully sometime in 2002. This new architecture removes arbitrary memory limits--you could theoretically see a 512MB or larger Palm device--in addition to dramatically speeding up the platform. We also expect Palm OS 5.0 to include the first real enhancements of the built-in applications since the platform's release five years ago.

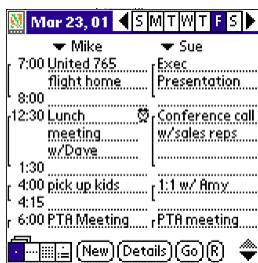
Team Schedule Synching

My wife and I both use Palm OS devices. I would like to be able to have a category of appointments (for us, called "family") which we could synch with each other using the IR ports. This feature would be very powerful for any people working as a team on some issues but independently on others. The synched appointments should carry the originator's ID information so they could be identified as 'this is when Joe will be out of town' or 'this is when we have a team meeting together'.

--Charlie Owen

You can do this to some degree now, but not through direct beaming. Palm's online WeSync service

(www.wesync.com) lets you share calendar items and contacts between multiple Palms. It even supports viewing another calendar side-by-side with yours, so you can compare, say, your appointments and your spouse's. Best of all, it's free.



We Do ReDo

Regarding the ReDo Task requested in a recent "Mailbox" section of *Handheld Computing Magazine*... Take a look at [Action Names Datebook](#) from Iambic Software. It is packed full with enhancements that the Palm Date Book, To Do list, and Address Book are in dire need of. It has nine different views of your Calendar and Tasks, as well as a combination of calendar and task listings on same screen. The address feature is really cool, with views of a complete listing, email address-only listing, tabs for quick access to entries by last name, and more.

The main reason I purchased it was for the Task Alarms. In the past I would have to set a meeting with zero-minute duration so I might be alerted. I think the price was around \$19, but it was worth it. --Bob James

Watch for a full review of *Action Names Datebook* in September's *Handheld Computing Magazine* 4.3.

Review Pocket Recipes

\$39.99, Pocket Express
www.pocketexpress.com

Pocket Recipes is a Visor Springboard that comes with over 2,500 recipes in ROM, covering everything from traditional entrees to exotic drinks. Its flexible search tool can find recipes by title or ingredients, and is a great way to find ways to use items already in the pantry. Surely the best feature is the ability to add up to 16,000 additional recipes from the Internet or any computerized recipe file. Using the desktop companion, simply cut and paste the recipe, sync with your Visor, and you're cooking anywhere.

The shopping list feature is a life-

saver if you often forget to buy that one crucial ingredient. Using Pocket Recipes to plan dinner, just choose an interesting recipe, open the shopping list from the drop down menu, and tap "add to shopping list." Compare your list to items you already have and delete what you don't need. Combined with the included nutrition information guide, the shopping list

is a terrific time saver for weekly meal planning. Other great features include a substitutions, equivalents, and conversions section, and the ability to beam recipes to others. --Dawn Jepsen



News

Visor's High-Speed Wireless

Sprint PCS has announced that it will be shipping Airprime's CDMA equivalent of the VisorPhone as the [Sprint PCS Wireless Web Digital Link](#). While this module will cost \$249--priced compared to the Visorphone's new \$49 bargain price--it has lots of potential. It has support for the first level of the upcoming "3G" digital cell phone data standard, which Sprint PCs plans to roll out by mid-2002. This means that the Digital Link will have the potential to download data at up to 144Kbps, 10 times the speeds offered by most current wireless services. CDMA has much better coverage in the USA than the GSM standard used by the VisorPhone, so this voice/data solution should be available for a number of Visor users for whom the VisorPhone wasn't an option.

New Products

Documents to Go 4.0

DataViz has added a number of new features to this useful package, including a PowerPoint viewer that lets you view slides full-screen on your Palm, as well as zoomed-out so you can view small details. The spreadsheet module, Sheet to Go, has been thoroughly beefed up, and with over 110 math functions is now functional as a working spreadsheet instead of just a viewer. There are many other improvements, including SD/MMC card support. Price is \$69.95; upgrade prices for current users vary. See www.dataviz.com for details.

Iambic Mail 2.0

Iambic has beefed up its email client, Iambic Mail, to support synchronization with a number of desktop email clients. These include Exchange, Eudora, Lotus cc:Mail, Netscape Communicator, and the world's most popular virus host, Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express. The program also has improved compatibility with POP3 and SMTP servers, when you're connecting directly via a modem or wireless adapter. Still no support for email attachments, though. For full details on the upgrade's features, see Iambic's web site.

www.iambic.com